

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 14-17 are pending in this application. In further support for the arguments presented in the January 5, 2009, Amendment, the attached Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 is submitted.

I. Declaration

A Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 is attached further showing the unexpected results achieved by the presently claimed invention. During the personal interview with the Examiner held on January 5, 2009, the Examiner stated that "more data points would be needed to establish the criticality of the claimed range." Applicant hereby provides such further data in the attached Declaration.

In particular, the presently claimed invention recites the group "R¹," which is "a linear or branched alkyl chain having 11 to 30 carbon atoms," (claim 1). In the Amendment filed January 5, 2009, Applicant argued that this range of 11 to 30 carbon atoms provides unexpected results, specifically that the resulting polyaldimine is odorless. Applicant argued that these unexpected results show the criticality of this range, and that the presently claimed invention therefore would not have been obvious over the applied references.

As shown in the attached Declaration, a variety of polyaldimines having groups R¹ *outside* of the presently claimed range do *not* achieve these unexpected results. See Table 2. Therefore, the presently claimed range achieves unexpected results, which would not have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art.

Accordingly, Applicant again submits that claim 1 would not have been obvious over the applied references, and the dependent claims also would not have been obvious for at least the reason that independent claim 1 would not have been obvious. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Declaration

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